



Public Arts Team (PAT)  
Request for Proposals

**City of West Lafayette – Tapawingo Park Sculpture Project (*revised*\*\*\*)**

The City of West Lafayette (Indiana) announces an exciting opportunity to create unique public sculpture. In order to create points of interest for the community, surrounding businesses and Purdue University students, staff and faculty, the city's Public Arts Team, with funding from the West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission, is supervising a public art projects in the **Tapawingo Park** area in West Lafayette.

\*\*\* This is a revised call, based upon further consideration of the public use and traffic at this site.

**Tapawingo Park** is a vital riverfront parkway adjacent to Wabash Landing and a pedestrian bridge to Lafayette. Wabash Landing is home to businesses, restaurants, movie theatres, and a hotel. Tapawingo Park holds the Riverside Skating Center, a hiking trail in natural surroundings adjacent to the Wabash River, and playground. The park plays host to the annual Art on the Wabash arts festival, Riverfest boat races, and outdoor performances.

**Scope of the project**

The Public Arts Team seeks a Midwestern artist, team of artists, or design firm to create a permanent public artwork at the Tapawingo Park location.

- The work will be positioned near walkways leading into the park and skating rink from Tapawingo Drive. Artwork at the Tapawingo Drive site can be as large as 30 feet in length or width, and up to 10 feet tall for impact and visibility.
- Artwork should not project out into the pedestrian walkways. Due to their vulnerability and concerns for visibility and public safety, loose accessories should be avoided.
- The Public Arts Team encourages proposals for sculptural or environmental art that is somehow accessible to public interaction – i.e. being walked through, climbed or sat upon - avoiding moving and easily damaged parts, and requiring little maintenance.
- Proposals that “reflect and interpret the natural characteristics of the riverine environment” (the nearby Wabash River) are encouraged.

The Public Arts Team will select the winning proposal based upon aesthetic appeal, successful artist experience with similar projects, considerations of practicality and public safety, appropriateness to the site, and durability.

Successful proposals should:

- take into account the combined city/university presence in the area; the design should be relevant, fresh, and respectful of diverse community users and history.
- engage with the life that occurs in the setting during both the daytime and evening.
- designate an entry point to Tapawingo Park for pedestrians crossing Tapawingo Drive from Wabash Landing

Successful proposals must:

- allow for clear sightlines and pedestrian accessibility, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- not interfere with nearby tree canopies

### **Proposals**

Proposals should be submitted in digital format. Please submit:

- completed and signed application form (included with this RFP);
- typed project proposal (2-3 pages, including a proposed time frame/work plan);
- resume/curriculum vitae;
- up to 10 digital images of recent artwork or comparable projects;
- and either detailed sketches of the proposed artwork or 3D model (should not exceed 18" L x 12" W x 12" H).

Submission materials should be sent to the address listed below as digital files on disk – 3D models can be mailed or dropped off to the same address. Materials will not be mailed back to artists but can be retrieved at the close of the competition with advance notice. Proposal models and sketches for the chosen submission will become property of the City of West Lafayette. Please label all submission materials with the artist's contact information including name, address, phone number and email. However, digital images should not be labeled with the artist's name, to ensure anonymous jurying.

### **Policies**

The artist retains ownership of submitted design concepts until a selection has been made and a contract signed. The resulting artwork will become the property of the City of West Lafayette. Images of the work may be used in publicity for local municipalities and the University. The selected artist must carry his or her own insurance during the installation process.

### **Budget**

Budget should be appropriate to the scope of the project. **Projects ranging from \$5,000 – \$9,000 for the Tapawingo Park project, and the committee envisions successful projects at any level within that range.** A partial payment for the purchase of supplies will be provided upon receipt of a signed contract. The remainder will be provided upon completion of the project. Lighting of the artwork for safety and nighttime appeal will be addressed by the city, taking the artist's suggestions into consideration.

### **Submission Schedule**

All proposals are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2014 and should be submitted to:

Tapawingo Sculpture Project  
Attn: Beverly Shaw  
City of West Lafayette Department of Development  
Morton Community Center  
222 N. Chauncey, Room 106  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

### **Inquiries**

Please contact Craig Martin, chair of the Public Arts Team at [cdmartin@purdue.edu](mailto:cdmartin@purdue.edu) for additional information.

Tapawingo site



Tapawingo Drive at Riverside Skating Center

